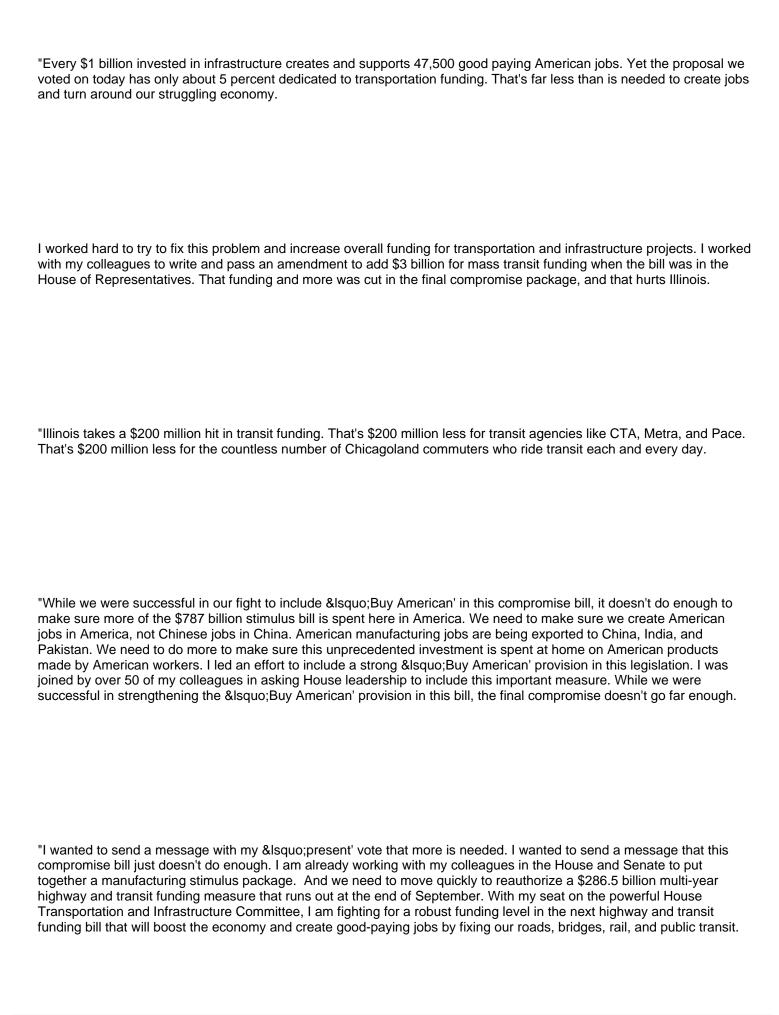
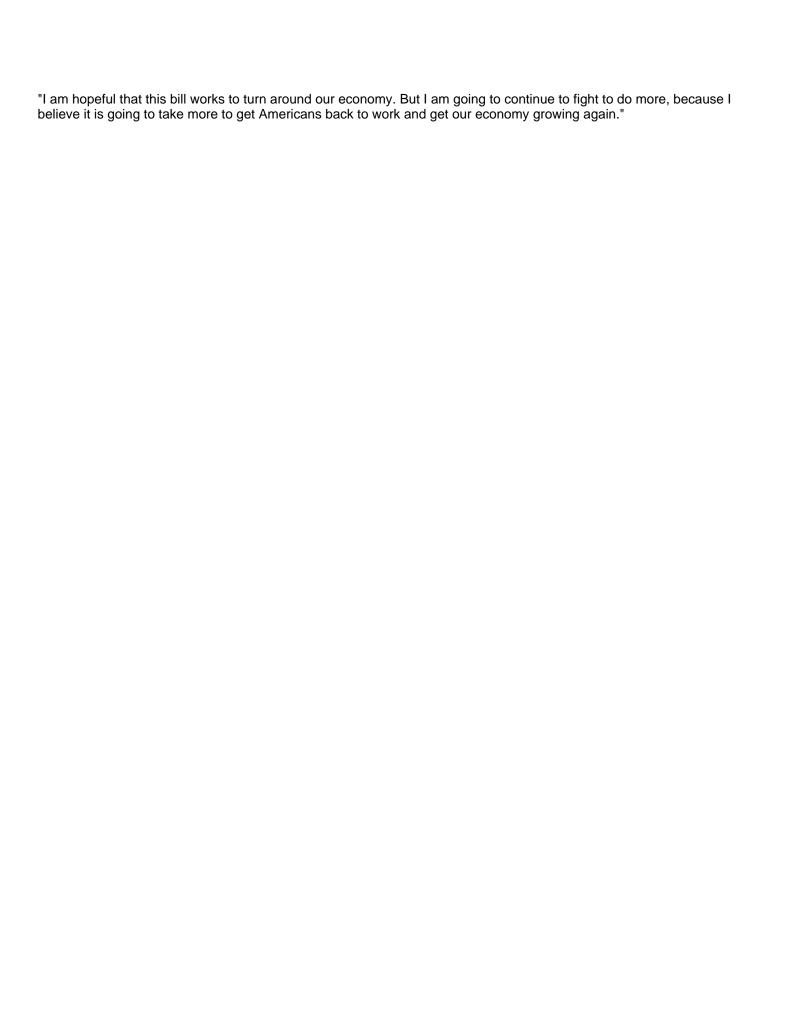
(February 13, 2009) Lipinski: I Voted "Present― Out Of Principle [WASHINGTON, D.C.] Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) today issued the following statement regarding his vote on the Conference Report for H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. "I voted ' present' out of principle - the principle that this \$787 billion compromise stimulus plan doesn't do enough to create good-paying jobs for struggling American families. We need to be working to create American jobs for American workers, but this bill fell short of what we could have done. My vote was to send a message that we need to do more. "Let me be clear, I strongly believe that we need to have an economic stimulus bill. I applaud President Obama for pushing for an economic stimulus bill that was timely, temporary, and targeted. But this compromise bill just doesn't do enough to create good-paying jobs. "For over a year, I have been calling for a stimulus package that creates good paying jobs for hard working Americans through a substantial investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure. We need to put people to work by rebuilding our nation's roads and bridges, rail infrastructure, and mass transit systems. This bill doesn't invest enough in those projects. I will not stand in the way of this bill moving forward, but I could not sign my name to a bill that I do not believe does enough to put Americans back to work.

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